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**Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: MANAGEMENT OF INBOUND CONFLICTS WHEN MERGING  
DATA OF DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS  
Inventors: Knut Heusermann, et al.

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 31 pages including cover sheet, 4 independent claims and 37 claims total.
2. Drawings - 3 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-4).
3. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$770	\$ 770.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	37	-	20	17	x \$18	\$ 306.00
Independent Claims	4	-	3	1	x \$86	\$ 86.00
TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$ 1,162.00

Please charge the fee of \$1,162.00 to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. The fee includes:

\$770.00 filing fee; and  
\$392.00 additional claims fee.

Please address all correspondence with respect to this application to:

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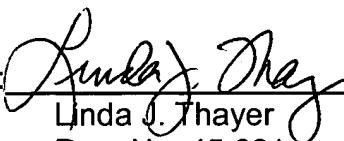
This application will be completed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) upon receiving a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.

Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due and any other fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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